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side. It is sometimes detachable. The taoto (Fig. 2, d) is double barbed. 411
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The pinya is the general term applied to that type of arrow which has a detachable head attached by a long recovery string to the shaft. The shaft acts as a drag to prevent the escape of the game in thick bush.

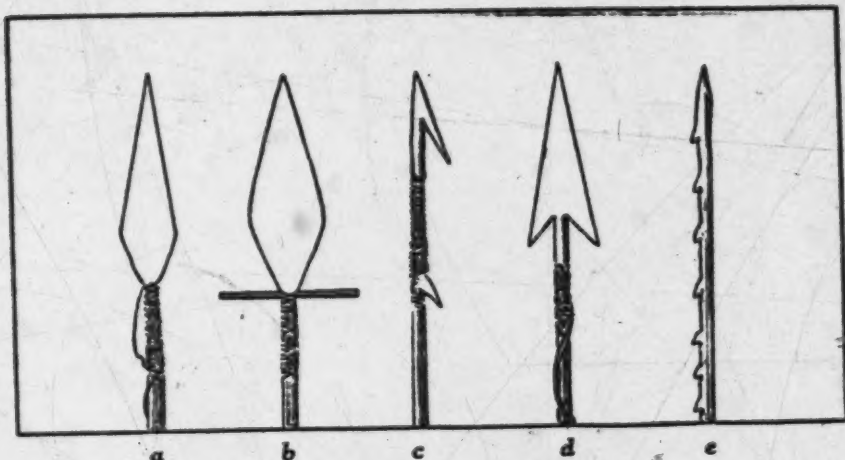


FIGURE 2

Arrowhead types. Left to right: aranseta; rapa; takoshi; taoto; matowai.

One fish arrow (no special name) has a head like that of the aranseta, but is provided with a line attached to the tail of the shaft. The other end of the line is tied around the wrist of the fisherman. 411
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The tarapa is another type of fish arrow, provided with a cluster of three iron or wooden points as figured in Roth.¹

Matowai (Fig. 2, e) carries a wooden head with many small barbs along one side. It is used for birds. [223] ●

A utensil sometimes used as a weapon is the cutlass. No Carib will venture out of sight of his house without his cutlass. These implements are made of iron, forged in one piece with a hollow handle which, however, is never hafted. They are obtained in trade and are used for every purpose, from cutting trails to shaving, to which a cutting or hacking implement can be put. Occasionally small animals are killed with the cutlass. 411

¹ Roth, 1924, *An Introductory Study of the Arts, Crafts and Customs*, Fig. 54, B.